

THE VOICE'S ANNIVERSARY.

The Voice is two years old today. With this issue it closes its second volume. It was said to have been a child born of "hot winds" and "calamity" destined to have only a temporary life. We predicted that the foundation had been laid for a new political party, which was destined to play an historical part in the history of the world. The wonderful advancement in civilization had given rise to new conditions which demanded new methods of government—a more vigorous national policy in our home affairs. The old parties belong dominated by the engineering of oppression and corruption, the politicians swayed by that conservatism which comes from past success, could not be forced out of the beaten path-way to give the people relief. Our only hope of perpetuating our national life, prosperity and progress lie in absolute independent action, vigorous and aggressive.

How well we prophesied and succeeded one needs only to take a look at the situation. When the Voice first appeared we were a promiscuous mass of people who did not know our own strength. The election of that year was our first victory and it was a great one. The new ideas spread like wild-fire all over the country and now at the end of two years time we find ourselves at the threshold of a national campaign in which we, as a party, are at least able to divide honors equally with the two old parties and with a fair chance of "knocking the persimmon." During all this wonderful progress it has been continually heralded by the enemies of the young giant that the movement was disintegrating and "going to pieces." Its present magnitude stamps the falsity of these pusillanimous thrusts.

So much for the party the Voice represents, now for the paper. We have at all times done the best we could do with the means at our command. We have had no sinecures to sustain us. Every step we have taken forward has been by "hard knocks" and against difficult odds. Once our outfit was practically wiped from the face of the earth by the cyclone, but by the good grace of our friends and friends of the cause, we were partially assisted to our feet and expect in less than half a decade to be sailing along peacefully and pleasantly under a Populist administration. We are thankful to our friends and the people in general for their support and shall try to merit it more than ever in the future.

We have a few names on our list who are in arrears. We assure them that a liquidation of the same would be of inestimable benefit to us just now. And to those whose subscriptions expire with the close of this volume, we hope they may not be slow to renew.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Stand up for Kansas." We raise the biggest crops for the least money of any country on the globe.

Every colored man who holds a claim in Oklahoma and votes in Kansas will sure lose his claim and stands a chance of a free pass to the penitentiary.

Manager Frick has been very aptly coupled by the Chicago Herald with Simon Legree as representing very similar characters in historical evolution.

Colored men from Oklahoma and Tennessee don't know what troubles are before them if they allow themselves to be voted by the tools of plutocracy who are enticing them here.

The Republican party says the present discontent is due to continued crop failures. The People's party says it is due to good crops and poor prices. Which one is slandering Kansas? "Stand up for Kansas."

Out at Milan the railroad company discharged the newly employed colored section men and hired eight others. Hence we have sixteen colored men here in Kansas now to where there were only eight before.

Soldiers, what do you think of a party which has nothing but a pension to offer you for your suffrage? And no more certainty of that, if as much, than is offered by the People's party.

Col. Harris and a union soldier buried the "bloody shirt" at a Populist rally at Riley Center last week. Since that time Republican ghouls have been prowling around over the state.

# People's Voice.

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trying in every conceivable way to resurrect it.

R. L. Davidson, a rising young attorney of Wellington, the law partner of Judge Herrick, has been placed on the state prohibition ticket for Attorney General in place of R. H. Nichols, who became the Abraham Lincoln Republican candidate for congress against Gov. Humphrey in the Third district.

This office now receives the Rocky Mountain News, the great daily of Denver which has bolted the old parties and espoused the cause of the people. It is only \$5.00 per year, 50c per month, and it would make mighty interesting reading for People's party men. It reaches here next day after it is printed, same as Kansas City papers, and equals any of them for news.

The Monitor is troubled because we are not fighting for the sub-treasury. We want more currency, Mr. Monitor, "safe, sound and flexible," whether by the sub-treasury or some better plan. Since you are troubled about this, how about your views on free silver coinage by this time. Why are you not shouting for free silver, as you were in 1890?

The whole front page of Tuesday's Chicago Herald was taken up with strikes and matters pertaining thereto. One flaming headline told of the Switchmen's strike in New York, another referred to the labor troubles in Tennessee growing out of the convict labor, another related of the strike of machinists in Indianapolis; another gave an account of the burning in effigy of Colonel Streater and Gen. Snowden by masked militiamen in Chicago, because of their inhuman treatment of Private Iams. Verily, there is a genial (?) feeling between labor and capital in this country. There seems to be a good deal of bottled up wrath under the surface, which is liable to terminate in a mighty upheaval that will deluge this country in ruin if the warnings are not heeded.

We are unable to keep track of the labor troubles this week. The switchmen of the Lehigh Valley, Erie, N. Y., Central and other eastern lines are on a big strike, placing freight traffic at a standstill all over New England. As a result incendiary fires burned about 200 cars at Buffalo, and the militia was called out to quell the trouble and guard the property. The strike is spreading to other cities and roads. In Tennessee a conflict ensued between coal miners and convicts guarded by state militia in which several lives were lost. Gov. Buchanan convened the legislature some time since to amend the laws governing convict labor, but they adjourned without accomplishing the result and the state is suffering by it. The Homestead trouble is still on and there are numerous smaller strikes all over the country.

There is much significance in the great mass meeting of all the railroad brotherhoods held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., last week. The associations of engineers, conductors, brakemen, telegraph operators, ladies' auxiliary were all well represented, and the principal business discussed was the formation of a grand consolidated order of railroad workers of all kinds. Great enthusiasm was shown over this idea, and a committee will report a plan to the next general meeting. If the consolidation is formed, it is safe to predict, within a year after, a general railroad strike in resistance to the systematic policy on which the great lines have entered—of crushing the unions.—New Nation.

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The proceedings of the council with reference to the relief committee's

work published elsewhere, will doubtless be read with interest. The list of recipients from the fund contained the names of some people whom the public were surprised to find in that attitude. The committee in the main, however, we have no doubt performed their duty to the best of their ability under the circumstances. The public should make due allowance for the difficulties under which they labored. That they were imposed upon in some instances is not denied. That they performed their duties as well as any other committee would have done, will neither be denied. They accepted a trust in serving which was anything but agreeable, and it is not to be wondered at that they failed to give satisfaction in every instance. The principal part of the work was done when excitement and uncertainty reigned supreme, and had a very disorganizing effect. At such a time they were an easy prey for the unworthy and insincere. We recommend that every one take a charitable view of the matter.

The Wichita Eagle, which has been on every side of every question that has been before the people for the past two years, whose editor wanted to be governor of the great state of Kansas, and who being defeated for the nomination, is afraid party associates will attribute "soreness" to him on account thereof if he does not "bust" the head of the drum at every beat, being chary of using the regulation "arguments" which he himself, by his own little pen, has heretofore controverted, fell into a grave falsehood last week in an article headed, "Is this Calamity?" He asserted that not a single Alliance paper had called attention to the magnificent crops in Kansas this year, but on the contrary had said nothing but of a gloomy and calamity character. Now, we have as little compunction in calling Marsh Murdock a liar as we have our Sumner county "jay," and we say emphatically, "Marsh, you lie, you villain." The Voice has repeatedly called attention, and in various ways, to our magnificent country and crops and we always carry grand old Kansas at our masthead as the brightest star in the constellation. The facts are that we like Kansas and her people so well that we are disgusted with the way she has been imposed upon and we are now "standing up" for the people of Kansas, as well as for the state. We really feel sorry for the Eagle. Its stomach is so sour that the little "roast" we gave it two or three weeks ago caused it to cut us off the exchange list. It is an old saying that "it is the truth that hurts" and we guess it is so.

Under the head of "A Model Administration" the Monitor offers the following:

The present administration is daily demonstrating its ability to meet the emergencies of the times and dispose satisfactorily of every question arising in such a business manner as to advance national interests and command the respect of the world. It has not only been clean, but patriotic as well. It is an administration of large capacity. Its business energy has been the most pronounced of any administration in the history of the republic. In this respect it represents the genius of the people. It moves with them and for them in developing and sustaining the highest expectations in our national life. Its achievements make a record which, as it appears on the pages of history, will mark one of the brightest eras in the history of the republic. It will be known as the golden era of true Americanism; and will be an inspiration to good citizenship in all the years to come.

Is this one of the "models"—related in the Denver News?

A few days since congress did tardy justice to one William Garrahan, passing a bill ordering his claim against the New Idria Mining company sent to the court of land claims for adjudication and adjustment. The matter has been before congress many years, and as it was a fight of one man against a rich and powerful corporation it has dragged along from one session to another until McGarrahan has become an old and worn-out man. It appears that twenty or more years ago this New Idria company by chicanery, fraud and the prostitution of official influence beat McGarrahan out of certain property, and the latter appealed to congress for redress. When a hearing was finally obtained the senate judiciary committee made a unanimous report in his favor, and the same was passed by the senate without a dissenting vote, and by the house with practical unanimity. The bill did not carry a dollar of appropriation, but merely authorized the court, whose members were appointed by President Harrison himself, to investigate the merits of McGarrahan's claim against the New Idria company.

This bill the president has vetoed, and no small amount of indignation has been expressed at Washington over the act. The reason for this act of executive injustice is easily found.

Mr. D. O. Mills, of California, is a large owner of New Idria mining stock. Mr. Mills is the father-in-law of Whitlaw Reid, the Republican nominee for vice president. The president did not desire to injure Mr. Mills, whose big barrel is expected to be at the service of the Harrison campaign committee. Hence an act of gross executive injustice in the veto of a bill that merely sent the case to a court for hearing as to title.

Evidently the New Idria company must be afraid of its title or it would welcome the opportunity to have the court pass upon it. Evidently, also, there must be some justice in McGarrahan's claim, or it would not have been unanimously passed by the able lawyers of the judiciary committee of the senate. The president, however, sides with the corporation as against the individual, and all for the reason that the father-in-law of his running mate on the national ticket is a large stockholder in the said corporation. The act is eminently characteristic of Benjamin Harrison, who also espouses the cause of Wall street as against the miners of Colorado, the farmers of the west and cotton growers of the south.

TO RAILROAD MEN.

Do you recognize any essential difference in the character of the strike of the Amalgamated association against the encroachment of the Carnegie corporation, and any contest that has heretofore taken place and is liable to take place at any time between yourselves and railroad corporations? Have you noticed the attitude of the Republican press toward this affair? First, active in extending sympathy to the laboring men, then passive, then blatant in ridiculing and belittling the effort, always making use of every little point quoted by the wealthy managers of the corporations, who are careful to conceal every phase that will not sound plausible and fair to the public. Do you look upon these people as your friends, or do you not have better grounds to confide in those who stand up for the laborer first, last and all the time, those who are fighting for the principle that the laboring men have some rights which even corporations are bound to respect? Some of these days the heel of the oppressor will be upon you, then ask yourselves how you would relish the cold-blooded remarks which are now being made by these servants of plutocracy about the men at Homestead, when they are directed at your own heads.

DOUBTFUL KANSAS.

A few Wise Animadversions Touching the Situation by Our Democratic Contemporary.

Sumner County Standard. The state of Kansas is truly in the doubtful list. Republicans may bluster and blow and puff but the tariff reformers and anti-force bill people are in the majority. Hoodooing, gulling and roasting so common on the streets of Wellington is working the wrong way. Reputable Republicans who received Democrats with open arms last fall now offer mock sympathy because they choose to unite their strength with a party which believes in tariff being a tax. The Alliance agrees with Preston B. Plumb on the tariff question and force bill. The Alliance is meek in its opposition to McKinleyism when compared to the Wichita Eagle of less than two years ago. The Alliance demands no more than did Hon. John J. Ingalls in a speech in the U. S. senate just before he became "a statesman out of a job." The people are not fools and refuse to be deceived by bluster. There is not a Republican politician or newspaper of state reputation in the state of Kansas who at heart favors the McKinley tariff. There is not a man or newspaper in the state that has a particle of nerve who has not expressed during the past two years open opposition to such measures. The Republicans will do well to cement their own ranks. There are many independent voters in the Republican party right here in Sumner county who agree with the Alliance and Democracy on these two vital issues and it will take hard work to make them stick to party against their convictions. The outlook two weeks ago was thus summed up by the smart young men of the Kansas capitol and is very good only that during the same week the ten per cent passed away:

"Until something definite is done by the opposition the Republican leaders can only cement the republican following. The great proselyting process cannot begin until it has been fully decided whether there is anything to hope for from the Democrats though the Republican politicians are rapidly coming to the conclusion that there is no use trying to convert the average Kansas Democrat to Republicanism. Soon after the Democratic surrender the Republican leaders claimed that 35 per cent. of the

Democrat vote could not be delivered, but later the estimate fell to 25 per cent. and now it has dropped to 10."

A Rare Bird.

To THE PEOPLE'S VOICE: I have some inclination for ornithological investigation. I have recently had my attention directed to an eagle in this neighborhood. It is a peculiar species. A veritable *rara avis*. It is a *tribyal*, partaking of some of the characteristics of the eagle, the parrot and the peacock and is a hermaphrodite. It is an old bird. It has soared, screeched and screamed so long in this community that, to the old settlers, its peculiarities have become commonplace and its idiosyncrasies pass unnoticed. But for the newcomers it is a thing of much interest, as none can have seen elsewhere any bird just like it. It is harmless. It does a great deal of high soaring and vociferous screeching, but its beak is worn smooth by continuous pecking and its talons worn smooth by barnyard scratching. So few fear its impotent ire or are moved to respect its furor or surly bluster.

It has the word-imitating proclivities of the parrot and, like the peacock, it will revel in ecstatic delight when it can wallow in the spume and slush of redolent flattery. It labors under the delusion that it made, and is the guardian of this community. It is a superannuated eagle. Its existence is not necessary to the prosperity of this commonwealth.

KRATS.

Profit for all who Invest.

The greatest co-operative company in this country is the Atlantic-Pacific Railway Tunnel Company, which is an association of men and women now numbering more than five thousand persons. They have provided the means to buy and pay for nearly five million dollars worth of property in Colorado, where at a point sixty miles west from Denver (where they are driving tunnel for railway and mining purposes straight through the Rocky mountains, a distance of five miles and nearly five thousand feet below the snow-topped summits of the mountains) and are getting out gold, silver, copper and lead by the car load, and have here the greatest mining enterprise in the world, and one that will give employment and profit to tens of thousands of men. Any one who has a few or many dollars to invest can buy shares or bonds of this company and receive interest promptly on all they invest, and also their honest share of all the profits—and the profits will follow for many generations. To those who care to know of this great work, now in its twelfth year of progress, a large illustrated pamphlet will be sent to all who send four cents for the postage to Mark M. Pomeroy, general manager, rooms 46, World Building, New York City. This is worthy the careful attention of all who wish to invest either little or much to the absolute certainty of profit.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Nelson & Whitlaw, doing business in Wellington, Kansas, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent this 13th day of August, A. D., 1892. E. N. Whitlaw will assume all the indebtedness of the firm and will collect all outstanding accounts. A further extension of the patronage is solicited.

E. N. WHITLAW.  
H. H. NELSON.

The August Arena contains the second installment of Mr. Reed's Brief for the Plaintiff in the interesting discussion of Bacon vs. Shakespeare. Whatever may be said of the abstract merits of the case, no one can fail to be impressed by the ingenious and powerful array of evidence thus far added in behalf of Lord Bacon as the author of the plays. Perhaps the most startling as well as the most interesting disclosures, however, are yet to come. In the September number Mr. Reed will answer objections, not only those that have been brought forward in previous public discussions of the subject, but others advanced in his own private correspondence with scholars and literary men on both sides of the Atlantic. Other leading papers in the August Arena are by United States Senator James H. Kyle, Hon. Geo. Fred Williams, M. C., Hon. Wm. T. Ellis, M. C., Gail Hamilton, Mary A. Livermore, Louise Chandler Moulton, Helen H. Gardner, Frances E. Willard, Mrs. Geo. Lew Wallace, Frances E. Russell and the editor of the Arena. In addition to these papers, there is a brilliant symposium on Women's Clubs in America, to which eleven leading American women contribute.

Published.

The much mooted report of the Relief Committee was published in Tuesday's Daily Mail, after having been passed upon by the city council at a called meeting Monday evening. The committee's report reads as follows:

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Mayor and City Council: As members of the committee appointed by your honorable body at your last meeting to audit the accounts of the cyclone committee, we herewith submit the following report. We present you with an itemized list of all receipts and disbursements, as shown by the books of said cyclone committee. After repeated refusals by the clerk of cyclone committee to turn over books into our possession, we at last obtained possession of them, and have tried to make a careful and thorough investigation of the books and accounts. We find that there was received as shown by the books of the cyclone committee the sum total of \$16,035.83, as shown by itemized list attached to this report; that there has been paid out of said fund as shown also by itemized list attached to this report the sum total of \$16,014.37, leaving a balance still on hand of \$21.46.

We find that in our opinion the statements made by members of the cyclone committee, that they had in a number of instances been grossly deceived by parties who had by cyclone insurance received payment from insurance companies for all possible losses; and by other parties who had by misrepresentation to the cyclone committee as to the extent of their losses and ability to bear same,—we find all these statements made by said committee, both publicly and privately, fully borne out by our examination of the books. The disbursements made during the first few days show that the committee used in nearly every case proper care and judgment; but as the receipts swelled into thousands of dollars, those who had had their wants relieved and in some instances losses fully satisfied, came forward the second and third time, while other parties whose losses had not been serious, whose ability to bear their losses must have been apparent to the committee, now come to this committee and receive sums sufficient to obliterate the stains from their carpets, re-varnish their furniture, replace the few shingles off their roofs and bring from their chimneys, and still be able to take a pleasure trip in palace cars to the Rocky Mountains, where in their cool and inviting recesses their wonderful nerve will undoubtedly receive new strength and vigor.

Your committee have not the time and do not desire to take up individual cases of what we believe to have been unwise disbursements of this fund. We do however recommend the printing of the entire list that the people of this city, whose judgment is certainly better than that of a few individuals, may decide and render their own verdict in their own way, feeling fully satisfied that every worthy and proper person relieved by this fund will in no way be injured, while the underserving will receive the public condemnation they so richly deserve.

W. R. SAVAGE,  
P. H. D. CLEVELAND,  
E. L. BROWN.

Profits of Grape Growing.

Argonia Clipper.

Grapes are decidedly the surest fruit crop raised in this section of Kansas. We have never heard of a failure. Mr. H. W. Allen, who lives on a farm adjoining Argonia, has a vineyard containing one-and-a-half acres that since the third year from setting has yielded an income of \$100 per acre. He set 1,000 vines to the acre at a cost of three cents each, being one year old from the cutting. He received a fair crop the third year and since that time has received a yearly income of \$100 per acre as above stated. He has been at an expense of \$65 per acre for posts and wire. The posts, being cedar, are expected to last ten years. Mr. Allen has sold his grapes from three to five cents per pound.

Big Events at Kansas City, Mo., August, 1892. One Fare for the Round Trip.

Kansas City will don a holiday attire during the latter part of August. Two important meetings will be held within her gates: Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, August 23rd, and German Veteran Association, August 20 to 24. To encourage travel the Missouri Pacific Railway will sell tickets from all points on its lines to Kansas City at one fare for the round trip. For further information in regard to dates of sale, limit of tickets, etc., call on or address the nearest ticket agent.

An Automatic Eagle.

Wichita has an automatic eagle. By dropping a little flattery in the slot you can see its tail feathers spread and watch the old bird strut and swell with pompous pride, and find amusement in its loud, bombastic screams. But drop a few adverse criticisms in the slot and you will be entertained with the froth and foam of impotent rage and multiplicitous verbosity and see the prismatic scintillations of empty effervescence.

KRATS.

Daily Mail: Mr. J. H. Martin and son Edward and son-in-law, Henry Stremme, are here from Flanagan, Ill. Last fall Mr. Martin purchased a 1,000 acres of Sumner county farming lands through Frantz, Renn & Co., and will leave his son Edward and Mr. Stremme in charge while he returns to Illinois to settle up his affairs and arrange for removing to Kansas next spring. On the land Mr. Martin brought there is 150 acres of corn now matured, which will more than pay for the land upon which it was raised. Mr. Martin is a successful farmer of the thorough-going, conservative class and Sumner county always welcomes such citizens.